

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

REF: (A) STATE 30678; (B) NEW DELHI 2050

1. YOU MAY DELIVER THE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO PRIME  
MINISTER GANDHI'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS, AS TRANSMIT-  
TED PARA 3 REFTEL A.

2. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT AHMED'S INTERVENING DEATH, THE  
PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO  
ACTING PRESIDENT B.D. JATTI IN THE FOLLOWING AMENDED FORM:  
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QUOTE: I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTEN-  
ING MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES WHICH THE LATE PRESIDENT AHMED  
SENT UPON MY ASSUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT  
THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD  
PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.  
I WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE

PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OURS. UNQUOTE.  
HARTMAN

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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
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**To:** NEW DELHI  
**Type:** TE  
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